

Mr J. J. Vaughan.

Dear Mr Vaughan.

I never had an idea of conducting
any school other than the Margaret Eaton
School of Literature and Expression.

I asked permission to lay your proposition
of April 20th before our Alumni.

I asked them if they would care to
operate such a school, offered
from their own ranks

I told them I would not be its Principal
but that I would do anything I could
for them in an advisory capacity.
Needless to tell you they were shocked at the
intention of closing our school.
It is too late for me to attempt to work on
any plan for a new school.

This I will do

I will take the management of our school
for one year, providing I am relieved
of financial obligation and worry.
I will do my best with this understanding

that our Directors will again take up
the matter of affiliation with the University
of Toronto.

The Directors to renew their proposal to
build a School on University Ground
also to accede to the request for a
sufficient endowment to ensure its
development - thus perpetuating for all
time - The Margaret Eaton School of Literature
and Expression built by Mr Timothy
Eaton.

This, and this only is the right thing
for us to do.

Faithfully

Ernest H. Mason

May the second 1925

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May 1st,
1925.

*Delivered
1.30pm*

Mrs. Wasmith,
41 Oriole Road,
T o r o n t o.

Dear Mrs. Wasmith,

We have Miss Pearce's letter of 30th ult., and note from it that you are dropping the idea of conducting a school partly because the Alumnae were not in favour of going in with you on account of being unable to function under the Margaret Eaton School name, and partly because the School was sold.

I am instructed that in order to remove the first mentioned obstacle I am to advise you that in addition to facilities already offered, you can use the name of the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression for one year.

You will easily realize one's reluctance to lend a name for an indefinite time to a project over which one would not exercise control.

The provision in offering \$2,500. towards the rent helps to take care of the building for one year, and no doubt by that time you could get proper accommodation.

As we desire to have an early decision perhaps you will be so good as to communicate with me today or tomorrow at latest.

Yours truly,

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The Margaret Eaton School of
Literature and Expression
Toronto

97 Dunwogan Rd.
April 30th.

Dear Mr. Vaughan.

Mrs. Kasnik wishes
me to tell you that the
Alumnae decided almost
unanimously that since our
School has been sold and
our name withdrawn, we

do not desire to perpetuate
a school of another name.

Yours sincerely.

Francis Pierce.

Corresponding Secretary,
Margaret-Eaton Minnowae.

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April 23rd,
1925.

Mrs. Wasmith,
41 Oriole Road,
T o r o n t o.

Dear Mrs. Wasmith,

It is understood from your letter of today's date that you do not take up the offer in our letter of April 20th which would allow you the use of the furniture in the School building in case you wished to carry on similar work on your own account under another name; also that no other School than the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression is of interest to you; and that your idea is a further development of this School under the larger University.

A representative of the University approached us with a proposal to take over the School and asked for a suitable building and an endowment. Those concerned could not see their way clear to go beyond providing a building, and the matter has been dropped.

Therefore, as no other kind of School makes any appeal to you, we can consider the matter closed as far as you are concerned.

Yours very truly,

JJV/J.

C O P Y.

41 Oriole Road,
Toronto.

To Mr. J.J. Vaughan, Esq.

Dear Mr. Vaughan-

Will you thank your Committee for the letter of April 20th.

I have gone all round the thing - for the past six months waking and sleeping. For the past eighteen years this subject has been uppermost in my mind. To my way of thinking there is only one right and dignified thing to do. Meet the demands of the Senate and Board of Governors of the University of Toronto and place our beloved School in its safe keeping. They need our School! They will give us a beautiful site.

We must erect thereon a beautiful building and give an endowment in keeping with that building. What more fitting memorial could there be built for her the wife of Timothy Eaton. She would have been an Ellen Terry had she had her training! If Margaret Eaton forgets today what happened yesterday or what may happen tomorrow, let us who do not forget remember for her. There was a time when I pictured such a testimonial for her when she loved the idea.

According to my understanding no one of the name of Eaton not even Mr. Timothy Eaton's wife has the right to close the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression, the School that Timothy Eaton built. That is why I left my

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work until you too would see that what had been done was not right. His was the hand that signed the charter for a School of Art and Learning for women and children.

He had the vision of this School. His was the voice that asked me if I would give my life to the upbuilding of such a School. Timothy Eaton never started anything to let it die and he absolutely refused to believe in Divorce. I remember as if it were yesterday, when the name of the New School was being discussed I suggested that Margaret Eaton be added to School of Expression he said - "Mother will like that.

Ours is the trust! We must all keep faith with Timothy Eaton the founder of all your fortunes. Yours it is to keep faith with me for he would not have failed me. When I agreed that my School of Expression be absorbed in the New School I gave my all. I gave what I believed would some day be a great School. When my family heard of it they were greatly opposed to it. To you I may have failed but I have given always the best I had and with the exception of the two last years in the School when I was very ill and had to go ^{very} slowly, I have worked morning, noon and night for that School.

It is yours to keep the faith with our pioneer faculty. I saw Miss Ross, Miss Hamilton and Miss Thrall yesterday and was shocked, they all looked so tired and so hopeless. When I told them the proposition that we go on under another name, no - they all said - we are through.

It is yours to keep the faith with our Alumnae. I wish you could read the hundreds of letters that have come to me

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from them and others during the past six months all breathing faith in the School and hope for its future.

The past six months have strengthened my beliefs and my faith in the Ideals and practical value of The Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression to its Community and to Canada. Think it over again, consider it some more and let us do the right in the light of posterity.

My voices tell me I am willing to do anything to make the Margaret Eaton School live not die. I would go back tomorrow and again take up the reins of government or I will stay out forever if it will bring us nearer to goal of my desire- Perpetuity for the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression inside the University. There is the only place it can live for outside it would only exist in competition with the same training that is slowly but surely coming to the University.

We must get inside the University said Chancellor Burwash.

Get inside the University Mrs. Nasmith they said to me when I visited McGill last year.

Inside the University is where you belong said Sir William Osler.

Inside the University said Sir Henry Newbolt when he was here.

I have heard of your wonderful School said Julia Arthur to me last week. Get it inside the University my voices tell me it should be there, said Julia Arthur as she sat in our little home two weeks ago today.

In the University our School will live on after we

are all gone.

The world is full of people getting ready to do this work better than we blundering pioneers, but it is ours to hang on, and hand it on to the next generation. I believe that Timothy Eaton Jr. will take great pride some day in the School that his great namesake fostered and built. Let us give Timothy a chance. I am with you to carry on the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression-willing to carry on where we are and as we are until such times as we can again put forward our claims to its further development in the larger University.

No other School makes any appeal to me.

Yours faithfully and prayerfully,

Signed - Emma Scott Nasmith

April 23rd,
1925. (My Mother's birthday)



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